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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Prior to the first paragraph of the specification at page 1, please insert the following  
paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT/US01/09361 filed October 23, 2001, and  
a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/533,547 filed March 23, 2000. The entire  
disclosure of these applications are hereby incorporated in their entirety.

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